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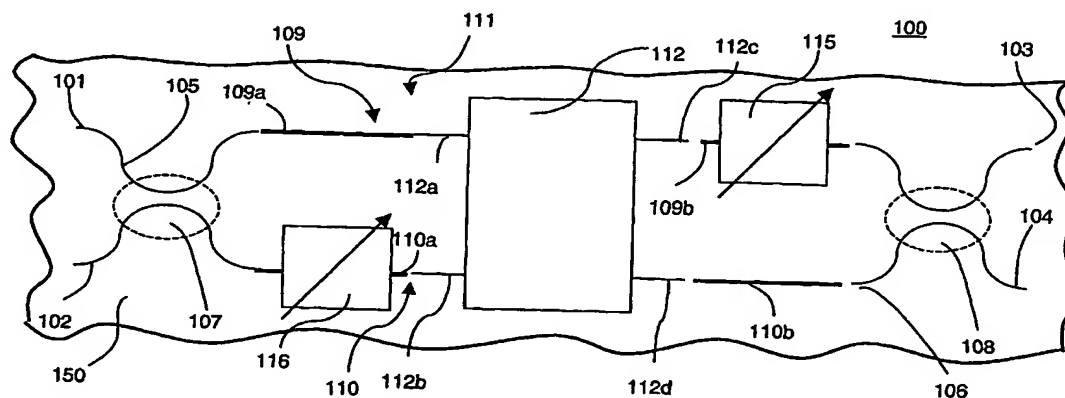
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(57) Abstract: An integrated optical add/drop device (100) having switching function for use in Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM) optical communication systems, said integrated optical add/drop device (100) comprising first and second optical couplers (107, 108) between which first and second interferometric arms (109, 110) of an Interferometer (111) are extended. The integrated optical add/drop device (100) further comprises an optical filter (112) having first and second input ports (112a, 112b) connected to first portions (109a, 109b) of said first and second interferometric arms (109, 110) and first and second output ports (112c, 112d) connected to second portions (109b, 110b) of said first and second interferometric arms (109, 110). The optical filter (112) acts as a selective switch exchanger for exchanging between one interferometric arm to the other at least one of a plurality of optical signals $S(\lambda_1)$, $S(\lambda_2)$, ..., $S(\lambda_n)$ received at its input ports (112a, 112b) and for transmitting the remaining optical signals through its output ports (112c, 112d) in said first and second interferometric arms (109, 110). The integrated optical add/drop device (100) also comprises at least first and second optical shifters (115, 116) located on opposite sides of the optical filter (112).